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1. The party lines on the Tiso question are as follows: The Communists and the Social Democrats are on record for the death sentence. The Slovak Democrats are gradually lining up for commutation of the sentence. The National Socialists are without a definite policy. They realize that the verdict will be a vital political issue at the time it is rendered.
2. If the Slovak Democrat position is to have the Czech party support, the National Socialists expect the Catholic Party to lead. Nothing has been heard from that quarter as yet.
3. The president's power to commute sentences is limited by directives received from the cabinet. With the present cabinet situation - Sramek usually absent, Hala and Masaryk abstaining from voting, and Svoboda supporting the Communists - the Communists and the Social Democrats would prevail in the Tiso issue.

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